

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the Specification as follows:

a) Please insert the following paragraph beginning on Page 1, Line 2, after the title:

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CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED PATENT APPLICATIONS

The present patent application claims the right of priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 (a)-(d) and 35 U.S.C. §365 of International Application No. PCT/EP2004/052290, filed 23 September 2004, which was published in German as International Patent Publication No. WO 2005/030843 A1 on 7 April 2005, which is entitled to the right of priority of German Patent Application No. DE 103 44 975.2 filed on 27 September 2003.

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b) Please replace the first paragraph beginning on Page 47, Line 1 with the following amended paragraph:

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Figures 1 and 2 schematically illustrate ~~the~~ the particle size distributions of the original, not yet dried latex of the OBR 1312B microgel and of the OBR 1312B redispersed in Baylube 68CL (TZE 122) ~~can be seen in the following figures.~~

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c) Please replace the paragraph beginning on Page 47, Line 5 with the following amended paragraph:

As shown in figures 1 and 2, there ~~it can be seen that,~~ surprisingly, almost the entire amount of the dried and therefore agglomerated OBR powder has been successfully redispersed down to the primary particles, the average particle diameter of the redispersed mixture even being below the average particle diameter of the original latex. It is to be noted in addition that the measurement was carried out on a

redispersed sample which had been stored for 6 months at room temperature, i.e. the dispersion surprisingly remained stable for 6 months.

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d) Please insert the following paragraph beginning on Page 47, Line 16, after the final paragraph:

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The present invention has been described with reference to specific details of particular embodiments thereof. It is not intended that such details be regarded as limitations upon the scope of the invention except insofar as and to the extent that they are included in the accompanying claims.

As used in this specification and the appended claims, the singular forms "a," "an," and "the" include plural referents unless the content clearly dictates otherwise.

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e) Please insert the following beginning on Page 48, Line 2:

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What is claimed is

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